

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on October 10, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Steve Carrington	Ken Erbey
Jim Wood	Brad Hanson
John Combs	Kathrine Vanover

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Jack Snodgrass, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Carrington.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

E. CANVASS BOARD REPORT

Ms. Cindy Medberry provided the Canvass Board report and read the Certificate of Canvass Board Results. Discussion ensued regarding voter turnout. It was noted that voter was down by 1.5 percent over the previous year. Ms. Medberry stated that the precinct was busy throughout the day.

F. ELECTION CERTIFICATION BY COUNCIL

Item 1 – Resolution No. 05-037: Accepting the Certificate of Canvass Board Results and Certifying the October 4, 2005, Regular City Election (IM 05-093)

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To adopt resolution 05-037
SECONDED BY:	Carrington	

Mayor Combs opened the public hearing for resolution no. 05-037. There were no persons who wished to testify.

City Clerk Bower reported on the length of the lines at the precinct and explained the process of creating a second City of Palmer precinct. She voiced her desire to have the precinct in place prior to the 2006 Primary Election.

City Clerk Bower reported the discovery of two Special Needs ballots by the Borough Canvass Board. She explained that although the ballots were cast properly, they were not counted because of their discovery after the Palmer Canvass Board process.

City Clerk Bower thanked the election officials and commented on their competency and expertise.

Mayor Combs asked the Clerk of the State's process of purging voters. City Clerk Bower explained the active and inactive status of registered voters. She explained the involved timeframes of the categories and notification provided to the State of Alaska by other states.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
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Item 2 – Certificate of Election Signatures

The council signed the Certificate of Election.

Mayor Combs presented Council Member Carrington a certificate of appreciation for his eight years of service to the Palmer City Council.

G. ADMINISTRATION OF NEWLY ELECTION OFFICIALS OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Bower administered the oath of office to newly elected officials Larry Hill and Brad Hanson.

H. ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Mayor Combs recommended that Council Member Pippel serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council Member Hanson serve as substitute Mayor Pro-Tempore. The council voiced their concurrence.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hill spoke of the deafness in his right ear and apologized in advance should he appear to be ignoring anyone.

Council Member Vanover welcomed Council Member Hill.

Council Member Wood welcomed Council Member Hill and stated that a year ago he was in the same position as Council Member Hill. He voiced his pleasure of having served with Council Member Carrington. He offered his congratulations to Council Member's Hanson and Pippel.

Council Member Erbey congratulated Council Member's Hanson and Pippel and welcomed Council Member Hill. He thanked Council Member Carrington for his service and wished him the best of luck.

Council Member Hanson welcomed Council Member Hill and thanked Council Member Carrington for his service.

Mayor Combs welcomed Council Member Hill and commented on the abilities of Council Member Carrington. He thanked his wife for helping put together the festivities of the night.

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 11th day of October, 2005.

/s/
John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/
Janette M. Bower, City Clerk